

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing Of Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for emphasizing numerical data contained in an electronic document, the method comprising:

determining whether a request to emphasize all of the numerical data in the electronic document has been received; and

in response to receiving the request, locating all of the numerical data contained within the electronic document and emphasizing the located numerical data wherein locating all of the numerical data comprises,

breaking sentences in the electronic document into words, and

comparing the words to contents of a numerical search table, the contents of a numerical search table being user specified and configured to define the type of numerical data to be located in the electronic document, the type of numerical data to be located specified by the numerical search table comprising at least one of the following: arabic numbers, cardinal numbers expressed as strings, ordinal numbers, roman numbers, and currency symbols.

2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the electronic document comprises both text data and numerical data and wherein the request comprises a request to emphasize only the numerical data.

3. (Original) The method of Claim 2, wherein the numerical data comprises numerals and numerals expressed as text data.

4. (Original) The method of Claim 3, wherein the numerical data may be expressed in any of a plurality of natural languages.

5. (Original) The method of Claim 4, wherein the numerals expressed as text data may comprise string numbers, ordinal numbers, or roman numerals.

6. (Original) The method of Claim 5, wherein emphasizing only the numerical data comprises adding a highlighting attribute to the located numerical data.

7. (Original) The method of Claim 6, wherein the highlighting attribute comprises a color attribute.

8. (Original) The method of Claim 7, wherein a unique color attribute may be specified for each of the string numbers, the ordinal numbers, and the roman numerals.

9. (Original) The method of Claim 8, further comprising:
receiving a request to deemphasize the located numerical data; and
in response to receiving the request, removing the emphasis from the located numerical data.

10. (Original) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions stored thereon which, when executed by a computer, will cause the computer to perform the method of Claim 1.

11. (Original) A computer-controlled apparatus capable of performing the method of Claim 1.

12. (Currently Amended) A system for emphasizing numerical data contained in an electronic document containing both text data and numerical data, the system comprising:

a word processing application program operative to permit the editing of the text data and the numerical data within the electronic document; and

a dynamically linked library configured for use with the word processing application program, the dynamically linked library operative to receive a request to emphasize all of the numerical data in the electronic document and to locate all of the numerical data contained within the electronic document and emphasize only the located numerical data in response to receiving the request, the dynamically linked library configured to,

break sentences in the electronic document into words, and

compare the words to contents of a numerical search table, the contents of a numerical search table being user specified and configured to define the type of numerical data to be located in the electronic document, the type of

numerical data to be located specified by the numerical search table comprising at least one of the following: arabic numbers, cardinal numbers expressed as strings, ordinal numbers, roman numbers, and currency symbols.

13. (Original) The system of Claim 12, wherein the numerical data comprises numerals and numerals expressed as text data.

14. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ system of Claim 13, wherein the text data and the numerical data may be expressed in any of a plurality of natural languages.

15. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ system of Claim 14, wherein the numerals expressed as text data may comprise string numbers, ordinal numbers, or roman numerals.

16. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ system of Claim 15, wherein emphasizing only the numerical data comprises adding a highlighting attribute within the electronic document to the located numerical data.

17. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ system of Claim 16, wherein the highlighting attribute comprises a color attribute.

18. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ system of Claim 17, wherein the dynamically linked library is further operative to allow a unique color attribute may to specified for each of the string numbers, the ordinal numbers, and the roman numerals.

19. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ system of Claim 18, wherein the dynamically linked library is further operative to receive a request to deemphasize the located numerical data and, in response to receiving the request, to remove the emphasis from the located numerical data.

20. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ system of Claim 19, wherein removing the emphasis from the located numerical data comprises removing the highlighting attribute from the located numerical data.